



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshiro SHIOKAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2881

Application No.: 10/024,243

Examiner: P. Johnston

Filed: December 21, 2001

Docket No.: 111522

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ION  
ATTACHMENT MASS SPECTROMETRY

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**LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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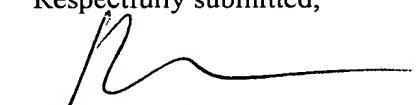
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

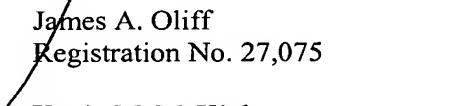
Applicants further request entry and consideration of the submission filed December 6, 2004.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 162262 in the amount of  \$790.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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